

Join us in Denver, CO April 20-24 for the 2020 USSD Annual Conference and Exhibition. Be a part of this premier technical event for dam and levee professionals. Learn from industry experts, gain expertise, share experiences, connect with colleagues, build new relationships, and collaborate with other world-class professionals dedicated to advancing the role of dam and levee systems in society. Come to the Mile High City; ELEVATE your game.



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Conference Eligible CEUs or PDHs (*pending*)

Workshops CEUs / PDHs Vary (*pending*)

## CONFERENCE TOPICS



- Advocacy and Public Awareness
- Concrete Dams
- Construction and Rehabilitation
- Dam Decommissioning
- Dam Safety
- Earthquakes
- Embankment Dams
- Environment and Sustainability
- Foundations
- Hydraulics and Hydrology
- Levees
- Monitoring of Dams and their Foundations

- Public Safety, Security and Emergency Management for Dams
- Tailings Dams

***USSD is working to create a more sustainable, green conference. In keeping with this effort, the conference program will be available online as a pdf for those that want a printed version and available on the USSD mobile app. We also encourage you to bring refillable water bottles for use during the conference to limit the use of disposable plastic water bottles.***

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## **REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**

- [PDF of Registration Form](#) When you register, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to [USSD's 2020 STEM Recipient](#), the STEM School Highlands Ranch, a free public charter learning institution that exists to innovate K-12 education.
- [PDF of Conference Website Information as of 01/31/2020](#)
- [PDF of Preliminary Conference Program](#)

- Please download our Conference App available here April 1, 2020. There will **NOT** be a printed Program/Guide.

## LEGACY LECTURE SERIES

Join us Monday 8:30 am to Noon. Kenneth Hansen will be sharing his knowledge and wisdom on the advancement of the engineering practice for concrete dams.

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Interested in our technical committees? After the Legacy Lecture attend any committee meeting of interest Monday or Tuesday afternoon. Technical committee meetings are open to all conference attendees and are a great way to see what USSD member involvement looks like. Come meet committee chairs and members.

[Technical Committee Meeting Schedule](#)

## WORKSHOPS

*CEUs and PDHs pending*

Your choice of six workshops developed by the USSD Technical Committees are scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd and are included with your full conference registration.

- [Probabilistic Flood Hazard Analysis](#) - 1 day
- [Tailings Dam Safety Management and Engineer of Record](#) - 1 day
- [Communication during the “Golden Hour” – Risk and Crisis Communication Strategies for Dam Safety](#) - 1 day
- [Earthquake Shaking and Ground Failure Hazards for Dams, including Automated Real-time Inspection Prioritization](#) - 1 day
- [Evaluation Principles for the Monitoring of Dams and Their Foundations](#) - 1/2 day morning
- [Power Skills](#) - 1/2 day afternoon

## FIELD TOURS

On Friday, April 24, the Bureau of Reclamation’s Engineering and Laboratory Services Division will provide a tour of their testing facility and ongoing projects as part of the 2020 USSD Annual Conference and Exhibition. The Bureau of Reclamation’s research facility occupies 3-1/2 acres of the Denver Federal Center just west of downtown Denver and is home to a premier government laboratory specializing in hydraulics, concrete, rock mechanics, plastics, coatings, and other materials. Morning and afternoon tours offered. Additional cost of \$40 payable when you register. See more details [here](#).

## 5K FUNds RUN/Walk

Bushy-tailed or bleary-eyed, join us for an invigorating start to the day at our 6th annual 5K FUNds Run/Walk to support the USSD Scholarship Fund. The event begins at 6:30 am Wednesday morning and follows a beautiful route from the Hyatt. Rather cheer from the sidelines? Sign up to be a virtual runner so you can hit the snooze button one more time. [Register here to run, walk or participate virtually.](#)

[Become a Partner in Education!](#) Contribute a minimum of \$350 to the USSD Scholarship Fund and your logo/name will be displayed as a **Partner in Education** on the 5k poster. You'll also receive one free race registration.

## CONFERENCE WRAP PARTY

You won't want to miss the Wrap Party at the History Colorado Center in downtown Denver. Learn about Colorado's beer history, connection to the Apollo 11 Lunar Mission, life at Mesa Verde 800 years ago, the 1930s Dust Bowl on the southeastern plains, and today's Rocky Mountains. Explore 4 floors of interactive displays, videos and exhibits. **Wrap Party is included in full registration fee.** Additional tickets are available for \$100. Contact [Info@USSDams.org](mailto:Info@USSDams.org) for more information.

## CONFERENCE HOTEL & VENUE



Conference sessions and activities will take place at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. The hotel is centrally located in the heart of Denver's restaurant and entertainment district. Hotel reservations at the group rate can be made beginning in October via this website.

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## SPONSORS & EXHIBITS

What's a conference without this hub of excitement and activity? Meet exhibitors with cutting edge products (not to mention fun swag) and find answers to your project's challenges. Exhibition Hall open Monday through Wednesday. [Click link to see a list of current exhibitors.](#)

**Exhibitors:** Booths are sold out. Contact us to be put on a waiting list in the event of a cancellation. Click here for the [Freeman Exhibitor Service Kit](#). Freeman's discounted pricing ends Mar. 30, 2020.

## Conference Sponsorships & Advertising Opportunities Still Available

- [Exhibitor and Sponsorship Prospectus](#)
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- Contact [Tonia@USSDams.org](mailto:Tonia@USSDams.org) if you have any questions about sponsorship or advertising opportunities

## TECHNICAL PROGRAM CHAIR

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## Cancellation Policy

Conference attendee cancellations must be received by email at [Info@USSDams.org](mailto:Info@USSDams.org) in order to receive full refund (less cancellation fee) prior to March 20, 2020. No refunds after March 20th, however substitutions are permitted. Cancellations between January 1 - March 19, 2020 without substitution will incur a \$50 cancellation fee.

## Information for Confirmed Authors/Presenters

Important Author/Presenter dates:

12/20/2019 - 2/7/2020 Review Comments Due  
3/20/2020 Final Papers or Expanded Abstracts Due

PowerPoint Presentations due to Moderators shortly after Final Paper submission

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